

MINUTES

SWVMHI LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE



Thursday, March 9, 2006
SWVMHI Henderson Building ~ Room 106
12:00 Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deidra Mathena, Chairperson
Leslie Birch
Claudia Duffy
Trudy Combs

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Phillip Moser
Benjamin Plummer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia McClure, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
George Martin, M.D., Medical Director, SWVMHI
David Brady, D.O., Psychiatrist, Geriatric Services, SWVMHI
Mike Jones, Ph.D., Programs Director, Geriatric Services, SWVMHI
Colin Barrom, Ph.D., Psychologist, Extended Rehab Services, SWVMHI
Sue Ellen Tate, Community Services Director, SWVMHI
Laura Lincoln, Human Resources Director, Keystone Youth of Marion
Keith Lowry, Clinical Director, Keystone Youth of Marion
Janice Collins, Training Coordinator, Keystone Youth of Marion
Deborah Jones, L.C.S.W., Human Rights Advocate
Connie Adams, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) was called to order by Deidra Mathena, Chairperson, at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, March 9, 2006, in the Henderson Building, Room 106, of Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2006, meeting.

SWVMHI

The motion was made and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711.A.(4) and (15), for the protection of privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and to review medical records, namely to conduct a review pursuant to the regulations.

Upon reconvening in public session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Session were discussed in the Closed Session.

The following reports, including client-identifying information, were heard and actions taken:

SECLUSION/RESTRAINT REVIEW OF Y-T-D DATA (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClure, Ph.D., presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of January - February 2006.

ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT (Closed Session)

Cynthia McClure, Ph.D., provided the LHRC with a current report of abuse and neglect cases since the Committee's last meeting.

CASE REVIEW OF ADMISSIONS PATIENT (Closed Session)

Dr. George Martin presented the Committee with an update on an Admissions patient's treatment at SWVMHI.

UPDATE ON GERIATRIC SERVICES PATIENT (Closed Session)

Dr. David Brady and Dr. Mike Jones presented the LHRC with an update on one of the Geriatric patients who is receiving ECT therapy and also requested additional treatments.

A motion was made by Leslie Birch and was seconded by Claudia Duffy to validate that the facility had met all criteria indicated by the Human Rights Regulations and Departmental Instructions in reference to ECT for a patient on the Geriatric Unit. The motion was unanimously approved. Dr. Mike Jones will provide another update on the patient's progress at the Committee's next meeting.

UPDATES ON BEHAVIOR TREATMENT PLANS FOR PATIENTS ON EXTENDED REHAB SERVICES (Closed Session)

Colin Barrom, Ph.D., updated the Committee on two patients on Extended Rehab Services who currently have a behavior treatment plan. Updates to be provided again to the Committee in six months.

BARRIERS TO DISCHARGE REPORT (Closed Session)

Sue Ellen Tate reviewed with the Committee the current Barriers to Discharge Report for patients within SWVMHI. Ms. Tate to provide an update at the next LHRC meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ACUTE ADMISSIONS WARD RULES

Dr. Mike Jones, Programs Director, Acute Admissions Unit, presented the Committee with minor changes to the Acute Admissions Ward Rules.

A motion was made by Claudia Duffy to approve changes made to the ward rules. The motion was seconded by Trudy Combs and unanimously passed.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES

Dr. Cynthia McClure updated the Committee on the following issues:

- High census at facility
- Administrator on Call reporting process for use of supine restraints
- Current vacancies at facilities and enhancement of recruitment efforts

KEYSTONE YOUTH OF MARION

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SECLUSION/RESTRAINT REVIEW OF Y-T-D DATA (Closed Session)

Laura Lincoln presented a review of the seclusion/restraint data for the period of January - February 2006.

ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT – (Closed Session)

Laura Lincoln provided the LHRC with a report of abuse and neglect cases for the months of January and February 2006.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES

Laura Lincoln updated the Committee on some recent changes at Keystone.

- Structural changes to building
- Extension of fence in recreational area

RIDGEVIEW PAVILION

Deborah Jones, Human Rights Advocate, indicated there were no incidents of seclusion/restraint or abuse/neglect to report on during January or February 2006.

ADVOCATE/COMMITTEE ISSUES

LHRC BYLAWS

The Committee reviewed and approved changes to the current Bylaws which incorporated required language from the State Human Rights Committee.

LHRC SEMINAR

A seminar for LHRC members is being planned for early Fall (September 8-9, 2006). The seminar will be for LHRC members only. Deborah Jones to keep members posted as information becomes available.

LHRC MEMBERSHIP

Deborah Jones to contact two individuals as perspective members for the LHRC. Mrs. Jones will update Committee at its next meeting.

LHRC MINUTES

Minutes from the Committee's meetings are now being posted on Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute's website at www.swvmhi.dmhmr.sas.virginia.gov. Draft minutes will be placed on the website within ten working days following each meeting; final minutes will appear within three working days after approval by the LHRC.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next LHRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2006, at 12:00 Noon in Room 106 of the Henderson Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Chair

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pc: Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director; Nan Neese, Regional Human Advocate; Local Human Rights Committee; Cynthia McClure, Ph.D.; SWVMHI Facility Director; David Duncan, Administrator, Keystone of Marion; and Andra Savage, Psychiatric Services, Ridgeview Pavilion.